

SANFORD A. PINYAN.

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Mr. JOHNSTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 20553.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, which has had under consideration the bill (H. R. 20553) for the relief of Sanford A. Pinyan, makes the following report to the Senate:

The records of the War Department do not show that Sanford A. Pinyan was ever mustered into Company A, First Georgia Volunteer Infantry, but the records do show that said Pinyan presented a discharge certificate showing him enrolled August 31, 1864, and discharged November 4, 1864, at Marietta, Ga., which discharge certificate was signed by D. C. Howard, major One hundred and third Ohio Volunteers, and the records show that said D. C. Howard was "authorized to recruit loyal Georgians for the United States service for the term of three years or during the war." There is an affidavit of said D. C. Howard filed with the case which states that said Sanford A. Pinyan—

is the identical person who enlisted as a private in Company A, First Regiment of Georgia Volunteers; that about October 4, 1864, while engaged in throwing up earthworks he received a severe strain or rupture in side, on account of which he was discharged November 4, 1864.

The testimony of Maj. D. C. Howard of One hundred and third Ohio Infantry, who was detailed to recruit these soldiers, states particularly that he had a personal recollection of this man and of his enrollment; that Pinyan was assigned to duty before he was mustered, and incurred a very serious injury, a rupture or hernia, which disabled him for duty, and that he, Major Howard, discharged said Pinyan for disability before he was mustered, as the command was a detachment of the Georgia Volunteers, and was organized at Marietta, Ga., about the last of October, 1864, which would explain why said soldier was discharged before he entered into mustered service. Major Howard says, also, that it is just for him to state that the soldier was in the line of duty at the time he incurred said injury, and that he was entitled

to be mustered while they were waiting for the maximum number of men; and that said Pinyan is entitled to a record of his service from the 1st day of August, 1864, until November 4, when discharged. There is also evidence to show that the soldier was perfectly sound and healthy when he was enrolled, and that his disability has been continuous since his discharge.

For these reasons your committee thinks that the bill should be passed, and so recommends.

